

Oak Flat Tribe
FY-2006 GAP Quarterly Report
Covering 10/01/2006-09/30/2007

Tribes must report environmental outcomes in their quarterly reports. Quarterly reports are also used to collect information for reporting to Congress, and for the Annual Tribal accomplishments Report. Tribes are encouraged to send photographs of accomplishments when they are available.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION COMPONENT	Outputs (Work Products)	Responsible Parties	Status of Outputs
<p>Task 1. Assess Tribal Financial/Administrative Systems</p> <p><i>Purpose and Need</i> - As a GAP grantee, the Tribe is required to adhere to administrative requirements identified in 40 CFR Part 31 and OMB Circular A-87. Completing a written administrative assessment is a GAP requirement and will help ensure the Tribe follows proper administrative procedures while conducting grant activities.</p> <p><i>Goals and Objectives</i> - The goal of this task is to ensure the Tribe follows applicable administrative requirements. Our objectives are to identify administrative requirements associated with GAP grants, document how the Tribe meets or fails to meet the requirements, and outline steps necessary to bring the Tribe into "administrative compliance" if applicable.</p> <p><i>Commitments</i> -</p> <p>1.1 The Tribe will research GAP administrative requirements,</p> <p>1.2 assess our compliance with each requirement, and</p> <p>1.3 document our findings in a written report.</p> <p>Our EPA Project Officer and Grants Specialist will be asked to comment on a draft report and provide guidance on how to improve our administrative systems if necessary.</p> <p><i>Environmental Outcomes/Results</i> - This task will facilitate Tribal compliance with federal grant requirements.</p>	<p>Draft Administrative Assessment Completed 04/30/07</p> <p>Final Administrative Assessment Completed 07/30/07</p>	<p>Administrator</p> <p>Accountant</p> <p>Env. Director</p>	<p>03/31/07-Met with GAP Project Officer regarding the "Year End Report" of GAP Program</p> <p>06/11/07-Attended a budget training session conducted by GSA. Training notes and email correspondence are included.</p> <p>Problem: The Director has had to request the SDA to assist with the budget process with the Tribal Bio Terrorism Grant and EPA Grant. This request was due to limited financial knowledge and the ability to keep up with both tribal and grant requirements.</p>

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<p>Task 2. Summarize Progress; Jointly Evaluate (Tribe/EPA) Performance Purpose and Need - Progress reports are necessary to evaluate the effectiveness of our Environmental Program. The Tribe is required to provide quarterly progress reports to the EPA and jointly evaluate grant accomplishments with the Agency. The Environmental Program Office (EPO) is also required to provide monthly reports to the Tribal Council.</p> <p>Goals and Objectives - To keep the Tribe and EPA informed of Program accomplishments, expenditures, challenges, and activities. To maintain a system for evaluating and documenting EPO performance and accomplishments.</p> <p>Commitments - 2.1 The EPO will submit monthly progress reports to the Tribal Council and quarterly reports to the EPA. 2.2 The Tribe's fourth quarter ("year-end") report will assess progress and accomplishments for the entire year. 2.3 The EPA Tribal Program Office will review Tribal quarterly reports and will provide a written evaluation ("end of year report") of Tribal progress under our grant. 2.4 Drafts of the EPA evaluation will be provided to the Tribal EPO for review prior to being finalized and mailed to the Tribal Chair.</p> <p>Tribal progress reports will contain the following information (required):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Comparison of actual vs. expected progress achieving environmental outcomes and outputs, for each work plan task. •Explanations for lack of progress (or anticipated lack of progress), if applicable. •Suggestions for improving grant performance or modifying expectations (including proposed changes to target due dates) if necessary. •Status of expenditures (cumulative) for the reporting period and explanations of cost overruns if applicable. • •Environmental Outcomes/Results - This task will keep the Tribe in compliance with GAP reporting requirements. 	<p>Council reports due 1st Tue. of each month. Reports available upon request. EPA feels it unnecessary to receive copies of Council reports.</p> <p>Quarterly Reports Completed and Submitted to EPA</p>	<p>Env. Director</p> <p>Env. Tech.</p>	<p>Quarterly Report through 12/31/06 submitted to EPA 1/30/07.</p> <p>Quarterly Report through 03/31/06 submitted to EPA 4/30/07.</p> <p>Quarterly Report through 06/30/06 submitted to EPA 07/31/07.</p> <p>Quarterly Report through 09/30/07 submitted to EPA 10/31/07. (year end report)</p>

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<p>Task 3. Develop and Pilot a Recycling Program</p> <p><i>Purpose and Need</i> - The Tribal Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (adopted December 2002) notes that improper disposal of household hazardous wastes pose risks to human health, the environment and the aesthetic properties of the Reservation. A recent waste-stream assessment, conducted by sixth graders throughout the Reservation, revealed that recyclable materials represent 20% of the wastes being hauled from the Reservation. A pilot program will help determine the types of recycling systems that might be appropriate for the Reservation and the costs and benefits of diverting recyclables from the Reservation waste stream</p> <p><i>Goals and Objectives</i> - The goal of the recycling pilot program is to help determine the feasibility of a Reservation recycling system. Our objectives are to work with Tribal members to identify several recycling options, test those options by implementing them in selected areas of the Reservation (collecting appropriate data and community feedback), and evaluate the results of the pilot(s).</p> <p><i>Commitments</i> - Tribal staff will organize the pilot into four general stages: 3.1 educate the Jones Bar and Cedar Flat communities about the benefits of recycling and the Tribe's intent to pilot a recycling system; 3.2 ask members to help conceptualize a recycling system that might work in their community; 3.3 pilot one recycling system in each community, collecting appropriate cost data and member feedback, and; 3.4 prepare a written summary and evaluation of each recycling system piloted. We realize the EPA cannot provide continual funding for recycling programs. If initial evaluations are favorable, the Tribe may further the recycling pilot to develop and test alternatives for funding recycling efforts.</p> <p>EPA staff will be expected to provide technical assistance as necessary and feasible. Assistance may include (but may not be limited to) providing information about similar projects conducted in other tribal or non-tribal communities and the types of recycling equipment that might work in a Reservation setting, reviewing and commenting on draft reports, making recycling presentations to tribal communities, reviewing presentations developed by tribal staff, etc.</p> <p><i>Environmental Outcomes/Results</i> - This task will reduce the tonnage, which will be quantified and reported, of solid waste destined for landfills.</p>	<p>Community ed. summaries Completed on 01/15/07</p> <p>Draft project concept Completed on 01/30/07</p> <p>Final project concept Completed on 07/30/07</p> <p>Pilot Program Completed on 08/31/07</p> <p>Project summary and evaluation Completed on 09/30/07</p> <p>Status of activities will be summarized in the quarterly reports.</p>	<p>Env. Tech.</p> <p>Env. Director</p> <p>2 community coordinators (contractual)</p>	<p>List of attendees at community meetings held on 11/30/06 and 12/15/06 submitted.</p> <p>Copy of draft and final project concept submitted.</p> <p>Copy of the project summary and evaluation is attached. (Photos Attached)</p>

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<p>Task 4. Close the Spider Ridge Dump <i>Purpose and Need</i> - The Spider Ridge Dump is unmanaged and illegal, contains hazardous and nonhazardous waste, sits 400 yards above a perennial stream (Mill Creek), and is accessible to the public. The dump must be properly closed to protect human health and the environment, and to rid the Reservation of a general eyesore.</p> <p><i>Goals and Objectives</i> - To close the Spider Ridge dump and take steps necessary to prevent continued illegal dumping at the site.</p> <p><i>Commitments</i> - Tribal staff will organize and work through the dump closure process in stages: 4.1 develop a dump closure health and safety plan and educate staff and workers about dump closure hazards and how to use appropriate personal protective equipment, 4.2 assess the type and amount of materials in the dump, 4.3 develop a draft dump closure plan, including cost estimates and time lines, 4.4 using an interdisciplinary team process, identify issues, concerns and opportunities associated with the dump closure plan and develop a final plan accordingly, 4.5 develop appropriate NEPA documents (e.g., environmental assessment) if the project is ground disturbing, precedent setting, or highly controversial, 4.6 assess the need to conduct soil and water sampling at or near the dump site, and 4.7 install signs (citing penalties for illegal dumping) to inform the public the dump is closed and install two gates to prohibit access to the site.</p> <p>EPA and IHS staff will be expected to provide technical assistance as necessary and feasible. Assistance may include (but may not be limited to) providing information about similar projects conducted in other tribal or non-tribal communities, developing or helping the tribe develop a health and safety plan (IHS), providing sample dump closure plans and NEPA documents, providing direct or indirect assistance with dump assessment, etc.</p> <p><i>Environmental Outcomes/Results</i> - This project will eliminate human health risks associated with the dump, for at least the 238 Tribal members that live on the Reservation. The project will also eliminate the continued risk of contaminating soil, groundwater, and surface water on (and adjacent to) the three-acre dump site.</p>	<p>Health and safety plan Completed on 01/15/07</p> <p>Dump assessment and photos completed 01/25/07</p> <p>Draft dump closure plan completed 04/30/07</p> <p>Final dump closure plan completed 05/05/07</p> <p>NEPA compliance documents if warranted completed on 04/30/07</p> <p>Soil and water sampling needs assessment Not complete; due date revised from 07/30/07 to 09/30/07</p> <p>Photos of gates, signs, cleaned dump site Not complete; due date revised from 07/30/07 to 09/30/07</p> <p>Status of activities will be summarized in the quarterly reports</p>	<p>Env. Director</p> <p>Env. Tech.</p> <p>Contactor</p>	<p>Copy of the final Health and Safety Plan was submitted.</p> <p>Assessment and Photos attached.</p> <p>Draft and final dump closure plan attached.</p> <p>NEPA compliance documents attached.</p> <p>The draft assessment has not been approved by Tribal council at this time.</p> <p>Spider Ridge Dump was cleaned and closed by September 30, 2007. No closeout reports have been submitted to Oak Flat by the HIS or by the contactor at this time.</p> <p>The reports are due to be completed by 09/30/07. We will forward these reports to EPA in the next reporting period.</p>